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Sir:

The following is presented in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-16 and substitute the following new claims in their place:

--17. A microscope for transmission viewing of a specimen, said microscope comprising:

a light source for producing a light beam;

an objective lens positioned for focusing the light beam produced by said light source on an area of the specimen for illuminating said area; and

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a reflector means positioned for reflecting light, which has been focused by the objective lens on the illuminated area and transmitted through the specimen, back through the illuminated area of the specimen,